

Committee of the Whole Minutes - Final MAYOR AND COUNCIL



Derek Norton, Mayor
Tim Gould, Mayor Pro Tem (Ward 6)
Glenn Pickens (Ward 1)
Latonia P. Hines (Ward 2)
Travis Lindley (Ward 3)
Charles "Corkey" Welch (Ward 4)
Susan Wilkinson (Ward 5)
Rickey N. Oglesby, Jr. (Ward 7)

A. Max Bacon City Hall
Human Resources Training Room
2800 King Street SE
Smyrna, GA 30080

City Attorney Scott Cochran
City Administrator Joseph Bennett
City Clerk Heather K. Peacon-Corn

**February 13, 2025
7:30 PM**

1. Roll Call

Present: 8 – Mayor Derek Norton, Councilmember Glenn Pickens, Councilmember Latonia P. Hines, Councilmember Travis Lindley, Councilmember Charles Welch, Councilmember Susan Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Tim Gould, Councilmember Rickey N. Oglesby, Jr.

Also Present: 1 – Scott Cochran

Staff: 6 – Joe Bennett, Richard Garland, Dat Luu, Heather Peacon-Corn, Eric Randall, Kristin Robinson

Call to Order

Mayor Derek Norton called the order the February 13, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting held at A. Max Bacon City Hall in Council Chambers at 8:08 PM.

2. Staff M&C Agenda Items to Review

3. Formal Business and Presentations

- A. **COW2025-029** Discussion regarding shared Army Corps of Engineers project regarding the feasibility of a regional stormwater attenuation facility – Poplar Creek Watershed – Eric Randall

Eric Randall, Public Works Director, provided the following information:

As there are ongoing concerns around the City to address stormwater issues that have developed due to the changing characteristics of rainfall that we have experienced, professional staff is actively looking for ways to mitigate adverse effects. One program we have explored is funding through the annual Water Resources Defense Act (WRDA).

In response to our request to receive funds under the WRDA 2024, a representative of the Army Corps of Engineers – Mobile District has contacted us to initiate the process for funding in FY27 by providing a Letter of Intent to share costs with the USACE to develop

the project scope and study. The attached draft is developed from the template provided by the USACE.

The USACE has not yet scoped the project and so the actual costs have not yet been determined. The letter constitutes an expression of interest and is not a contractual obligation.

4. Review of Current M&C Agenda

A. COW2025-027 Review of the February 17, 2025 Mayor and Council Meeting Notice and Agenda

Mayor Norton reviewed the February 17, 2025 agenda.

ATH2025-033: Eric Randall, Public Works Director, provided the following background:

Following the approval of the Intergovernmental agreement to share costs associated with the Camp Highland Bridge bank stabilization, Cobb County solicited bids to perform the work. The lowest reliable bid received exceeded the estimated construction costs, and Cobb County and the Contractor agreed on a scope reduction that resulted in a revised construction cost of \$3,145,107.77. In keeping with the intent of sharing the costs for the project, the City and the County amount will be \$1,572,553.88.

The Intergovernmental Agreement also stipulates that the cost for engineering and design services related to the project in the amount of \$41,730.00 would be cost shared 50/50 between Cobb County and the City.

To meet this, an additional \$94,200.00 needs to be added to the allocation for the project in the 2022 SPLOST, for a rounded total budget of \$1,594,200.00.

Councilmember Oglesby asked if there is a plan for a sidewalk. Mr. Randall stated sidewalks are not part of this plan. This project was considered in 2016 and added to the 2022 SPLOST. During bridge inspection, it was determined it is not the city's. Georgia DOT determined it is Cobb County's responsibility even though it primarily serves residents of the city. This may end up being a culvert rather than a bridge during the process if it is found to be more cost effective. This will not close the bridge, but it may close the trail. This is just for stabilization.

There was no further discussion.

5. Other Business / Staff Comment

6. Executive Session (As Needed)

Councilmember Travis Lindley made a motion Enter into Executive Session at 8:21 PM to discuss LEGAL; seconded by Councilmember Glenn Pickens.

The motion Enter into Executive Session carried with the following vote:

Aye: 7 – Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley, Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem / Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Oglesby

Nay: 0 – None
Recuse: 0 – None

Councilmember Susan Wilkinson made a motion Return to Regular Session at 8:24 PM;
seconded by Councilmember Glenn Pickens.

The motion Return to Regular Session carried with the following vote:

Aye: 7 – Councilmember Pickens, Councilmember Hines, Councilmember Lindley,
Councilmember Welch, Councilmember Wilkinson, Mayor Pro Tem /
Councilmember Gould, Councilmember Oglesby
Nay: 0 – None
Recuse: 0 – None

7. Adjournment

Mayor Derek Norton adjourned the February 13, 2025 Committee of the Whole meeting at 8:24 PM.

Facilities are provided throughout City Hall for the convenience of persons with disabilities.

THIS MEETING WAS PROPERLY NOTICED AND POSTED AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE NOTICING
STANDARDS AS OUTLINED IN O.C.G.A. 50-14-3:
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